PTO/SB/08a (01-09)

Approved for use through 02/28/2009. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Examiner

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT
(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS Examiner Cite Document Number Publication Date Name of Patentee or Pages, Columns, Lines, Where MM-DD-YYYY Applicant of Cited Document ant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear Number-Kind Code<sup>2 (F known)</sup> <sup>US-</sup> 4,795,469 488 1/3/1989 Oh US- 4.932.975 6/12/1990 Main et al. 481 US-5.334.203 8/2/1994 Wagner 3/5/1996 US- 5,496,318 Howland et al. 486 <sup>US-</sup> 5,645,599 7/8/1997 Samani 483 US- 6,004,353 12/21/1999 Masini 489 9/5/2000 497 US- 6.113.600 Drummond et al. US- 6,224,602 5/1/2001 Haves 490 US- 6,440,169 Elberg et al. 482 8/27/2002 US- 2002/0052603 A1 5/2/2002 491 Nickols et al. US-US-US. US-US. IIS. US-110

Examinar Cibe No. 1 Foreign Patent Document Date Date No. 2 Foreign Patent Document Date No. 2 Foreign Patent Document Date No. 2 Foreign Patent Document No. 2 Foreign Patent No. 2 Foreign

Syndrage

PEXAMENER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not clasten is in conformance with MFIEP 600. Draw in the through citation. If not in conformance and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique catain designation number (original). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.self.co.or or MFIEP 601.04. \*\*Einet Colfice that issued the document. by the two-letter code (planted 31.5). \*\*Colfice that issued the document. Or the two-letter code (planted 31.5). \*\*Colfice that issued that concerned, type the volenter code (planted 31.5). \*\*Colfice that issued that concerned to the two-letter code (planted 31.5). \*\*Colfice that issued that concerned to the volenter code (planted 31.5). \*\*Colfice that issued that concerned the content of the patent document, the indication of the year of the region of the Empirication and the concerned to the colfice that issued that concerned the series of the patent document. \*\*Kind of document by the appropriate symboles as indicated on the document under WFD OSIGNAGE 31.5 if it provides a Colfice that have the effect in appropriate patent document. \*\*Kind of document by the appropriate symboles as indicated on the document under WFD OSIGNAGE 31.5 if it provides are considered. \*\*Application to place a check mark the effect in application and the patent and the

the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WPO Standard S1.16 if possible. "Applicant is to place a creex mark mer it ruginal insignation for a creek mark of the property of

on the amount of time your require to complete this form about suggestions for motioning rise offurers, include to seal in the United Annual Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1490, Alexandria, V.a. 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND TEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patients, P.O. Box 1490, Alexandria, V.A. 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, and 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.